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Cc: Doug Onhaizer; Bob Nibarger; Hall, Terry
Subject: Virginia Beach Comments - Monday Board Meeting

Dear Mr.. Steward: December 2, 2005

RE: Expanding the Boards Charter

The City of Virginia Beach would like to personally thank you and the Board for your ongoing support to bring E - 911 Wireless services to Virginia. To expand this role now would be a mistake. We feel that the Board's role and mission is and should be limited to the original charter of supporting wireless E-911. See attached memo.

I urge you and the Board members **NOT** to expand the scope of the E-911 Services Board. I have attached a copy of the 03 FY report which, outlines your strategic plan and sets your top objectives. We support the comments forwarded by Mr.. Terry Hall of APCO and look forward to the meeting on Monday. Please contact me if you have any questions.

cc: Terry Hall, APCO President
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Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Stewart:

I am both concerned and troubled that the Board is considering legislation that would expand the original charter of providing E-911 Wireless Services. With respect to the upcoming proposed legislation, the City of Virginia Beach continues to support the content as forwarded to your office by Mr. Hall earlier today. We strongly recommend that the scope of the Board **not** be expanded because:

1. The Wireless Strategic Plan, which was approved in FY 03, has not been followed. As an example, public education is still an issue. Additionally, the plan did not reference IP networks, VOIP and other initiatives being proposed;
2. Staff of the Board has not developed any metrics or done any benchmarking that would demonstrate the adherence to the 03 plan nor if our current statewide wireless E-911 deployment is efficient or effective;
3. Staff admitted that no analysis has been completed outlining the current connectivity at the state's 138 PSAPS. Why is an IP state network being proposed if an analysis has not been completed to support the need?
4. No funding or cost estimates have been identified for IP or VOIP initiatives.

Therefore, we again urge you to **not** expand the role of the Wireless Board.

Sincerely,

Robert Nibarger

911 Emergency Communications Coordinator
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